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ABSTRACT

Success in literacy takes participation born of trust, a positive group dynamic built on sharing tasks, maintaining good working relationships, and examining group functioning. This book tells why and how a truly collaborative environment is at the heart of accomplishment in the secondary classroom. In the classroom profiled in the book, students move through a series of lessons that refine their skills while deepening their interests in reading, writing, and listening to the opinions of others--essential academic skills at the core of any collaborative literacy task. The book offers a multitude of practical strategies that include: practices that encourage students to take responsibility for their work and behavior; teaching collaborative skills, then reinforcing their use; careful listening, questioning, and meaningful conversation about text; Literature Circle management and troubleshooting; timesaving and effective assessments for Sustained Silent Reading, writing, Literature Circles, projects, and performances; high-interest writing projects and peer revision; and developing portfolios that celebrate accomplishment. Appendixes contain: examples of T-Charts; a skills lesson worksheet; "To Kill a Mockingbird" text set; Holocaust text set; Learning about the Middle East text set; an approximately 200-item list of "teen pleasing paperbacks"; and a short story "Night Club." (Contains 78 references.) (NKA)

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